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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IMPOSITION OF BARRIERS TO US IMPORTS OF
SHRIMP

REF: HONG KONG 13160, PEKING 2114

1. AT PRESENT H.R. 5762 AND ITC INVESTIGATION APPEAR TO
BE ONLY MOVES DIRECTED AT U.S. SHRIMP IMPORTS. THE HOUSE
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BILL PROPOSES A QUANTITATIVE LIMITATION ON THE IMPORTATION

OF SHRIMP INTO U.S. DURING CALENDAR YEARS 1975 AND 1976 FROM ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY NOT TO EXCEED THE AVERAGE ANNUAL QUANTITY OF SHRIMP OF SUCH COUNTRY WHICH WAS ENTERED DURING 1971, 1972 AND 1973 (THE "BASE PERIOD"). IF SHRIMP OF ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY WAS ENTERED DURING TWO CALENDAR YEARS OR LESS WITHIN BASE PERIOD (OR BEFORE THE BASE PERIOD BUT NOT DURING THE BASE PERIOD) IMPORTS MAY NOT EXCEED THE LARGEST ANNUAL QUANTITY OF SHRIMP OF SUCH COUNTRY ENTERED DURING THE BASE PERIOD (OR BEFORE THE BASE PERIOD). IF SHRIMP OF ANY COUNTRY WAS NOT ENTERED AT ANY TIME BEFORE 1975, THE TOTAL QUANTITY WHICH MAY BE ENTERED IN EACH OF CALENDAR YEARS 1975 AND 1976 IS FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS. THE BILL ALSO IMPOSES A DUTY ON IMPORTED SHRIMP OF 5 PERCENT AD VAL. THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED ON APRIL 9, 1975 AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS. NO HEARINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED TO DATE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE BILL MAY NOT BE GIVEN ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IN NEAR FUTURE AND THEREFORE HEARINGS NOT IMMINENT. THE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN WHEN AN ADMINISTRATION POSITION IS DEVELOPED.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1975 THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION ISSUED A NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND PUBLIC HEARING, TO INVESTIGATE THE CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION IN THE U.S. BETWEEN DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED SHRIMP. IN ITS INVESTIGATION THE ITC WILL BE CONCERNED WITH THE EFFECTS OF IMPORTS OF SHRIMP ON DOMESTIC SHRIMP FISHERMEN AND DOMESTIC PROCESSORS OF SHRIMP AND SHRIMP PRODUCTS. AN ITC SPOKESMAN HAS EXPLAINED THAT THE INVESTI-

GATION WAS INITIATED AS A RESULT OF U.S. INDUSTRY COMPLAINTS TO THE ITC DURING HEARINGS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS HELD THROUGHOUT THE U.S. EARLIER THIS YEAR AND A REQUEST FOR A STUDY BY CONGRESSMAN YOUNG OF ALASKA. THE RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATION WILL BE A REPORT WITHOUT ACTUAL RECOMMENDATIONS. THE ITC HAS NOT FINALLY DETERMINED TO WHOM THE REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED BUT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD IT WILL GO TO EITHER THE WHITE HOUSE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, OR THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. THE TENTATIVE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION IS FEB. 15, 1976. HEARINGS WERE HELD IN KODIAK, ALASKA ON OCT. 29 AND ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCHEDULED FOR NEW ORLEANS NOV. 11, AND WASHINGTON, D.C. NOV. 18.

3. UNLIKELY THAT H.R. 5762 OR ITC INVESTIGATION WILL HAVE ANY IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON CURRENT LEVEL OF SHRIMP IMPORTS. DEPARTMENT WILL MONITOR AND REPORT DEVELOPMENTS TO INTERESTED POSTS AS THEY OCCUR. KISSINGER

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